

Dear Warden:

Below please find a warden message from the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. Please share this warden message with any U.S. citizens in Bolivia with whom you have contact. We hope this information is useful to you. If we may provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy La Paz, Bolivia

**WARDEN MESSAGE**  
**U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA**  
**February 10, 2010**

This warden message is being issued to inform U.S. citizens residing in Bolivia that the "Organismo Electoral Plurinacional (OEP)" has released a disposition that declares mandatory for all foreigners who have reached the age of 18 years or older and who have either a 2 year temporary resident visa or a permanent visa must register to participate in the upcoming Municipal elections in April of 2010. According to this disposition the deadline for registration is February 14, 2010. Failure to register to vote will result in a Bs 200 penalty. Additionally, the OEP will issue a voting certificate (Certificado de Sufragio) that will be given to the voter upon casting a ballot. This certificate will be required to perform any transactions with banks or any government office in Bolivia. Below is a link to find a list of "Centros de Empadronamiento" where you can register to vote:

[http://www.cne.org.bo/proces\\_electoral/Municipales2010/centros/CENAL\\_01022010.pdf](http://www.cne.org.bo/proces_electoral/Municipales2010/centros/CENAL_01022010.pdf)

According to the Nationality Act of 1940 and subsequent rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, voting in a foreign election does not adversely affect one's U.S. citizenship.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the Embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>.

Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

U.S. citizens may contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at [consularlapaz@state.gov](mailto:consularlapaz@state.gov) or by telephone at (591-2) 216-8297 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591-2) 216-8500 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at 591-3-351-3477 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Cochabamba consular agency at 591-4-411-6313 (Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).